value for the last two years is as under:—

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. lakhs)
1993-94	32500	180
1994-95 (upto Jan, 95)	20050	102

(c) Steps taken/proposed to be taken to check such theft/pilferage are:—

(1) Construction/erection of fencing wall around the coal stocks;

(2) Installation of check posts on the main roads leadng to collieries:

(3) Installation of watch towers and providing lighting arrangements around the coal stacking areas;

(4) Collection of intelligence;

(5) Surprise checks alongwith local police and colliery security personel;

(6) Round the clock patrolling by colliery security personnel;

(7) Meeting with District authorities for drawing out plans to eliminate the menace;

(8) Lodging of FIRs with local police.

Curbs on import of granite by USA

*. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the ... of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that USA has initiated steps to curb the import of Indian granite on charges of dumping;

(b) whether there is any truth in the US allegation and, if so, how and why.

(c) what steps Government is contemplating in the matter; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that USA has unilaterally re-written the GATT Agreement by giving itself power to exclude more imports than that agreement intended and to consider walking out of WTO if three verdicts go agins$t$ it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any investigation having been initiated by Government of USA to curb import of granite from India?

(c) Does not arise;

(d) No member country of W.T.O. has the option of adopting trade policies which are not in conformity with W.T.O. provisions. However, under Article XV of the Agreement establishing the W.T.O. any member country may withdraw after a notice of six months whereafter its rights and obligations under the W.T.O. Agreement would cease. With regard to the disputes settlement procedures, it has been reported that the U.S. authorities have taken a decision according to which a panel of retired federal judges will review the decisions of the W.T.O. panels. If the panel of judges funds that the W.T.O. panels have ruled improperly three times against the U.S. in any five year period, any member of each House would bes able to introduce a joint resolution to disapprove the U.S. participation in the Uruguary Round Agreement. If the resoution is enacted by Congress and signed by the President, the U.S. will commence withdrawal from the W.T.O. Agreement.